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D. Remarks

Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-91 are pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 22, 44, 59, 66, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 91 are independent. Claims 1, 22 and 83-91 are being amended. Claims 1-91 are now pending and under examination.

In the Office Action dated December 15, 2006, claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-32, 39-42, 44-51, 55-57, 59-64, 66, 67, 70, 71, and 82-91 were rejected as allegedly anticipated by Bunn U.S. Patent No. 6,240,365. The remaining claims 4, 16, 21, 25, 33-28, 43, 52-54, 58, 65, 68, 69 and 72-81 were rejected as being allegedly obvious over Bunn.

Applicant's comments will be directed to independent claims 1, 22, 44, 59, 66, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 91.

Applicant's claim 1 recites that a wireless gateway comprises location aware business logic. The business logic applies business logic to location information to enhance and automate business applications run by the enterprise user. The business logic provides a common interface and protocol for handling the location information, and for enabling the applications that follow that protocol to interface with the gateway to use the location information to dispatch a mobile asset to a job site and automatically trigger at least one of the events of mobile asset arriving at the job site and mobile asset leaving the job site, and tracking inventory of products on the mobile asset..

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The Bunn U.S. Patent No. 6,240,365 relates to a vehicle tracking system for tracking the location of a vehicle, such as a rental car, and for providing location information to the vehicle driver and to a central controller located at a headquarters location. The system also monitors operating parameters of the vehicle such as collision or impact damage, and may also receive credit card information from a card reader in the vehicle, and such information can be passed to the central controller. In Bunn, the rented vehicles are under the control of the client customers who rent the vehicles, and they are driven to destinations selected by the client customers. After the vehicle is assigned to the customer, the rental car company does not control or coordinate the location, route or destination of the vehicle, and does not otherwise control or coordinate how the vehicle is used by the customer operator. The rental car company does not control or coordinate, or even know, what activities the client customer does on route or at the destination. The location, route and destination of the vehicle, and purpose for which the vehicle is used, is under sole control of the client customer, not the rental car company. The Bunn reference doesn't disclose any system for dispatching a mobile asset to a job site and automatically triggering at least one of the events of mobile asset arriving at the job site, mobile asset leaving the job site and tracking inventory of products on the mobile asset.

Claim 22 recites a method which tracks the system claim of claim 1 and recites the same operative features discussed in connection with claim 1 above. The Bunn reference does not disclose these features.

Claim 44 recites a system having among other things location aware core business logic for tying transportable assets and business applications (served by browsers over the Internet for processing data for managing the assets) together through a common set of protocols and interfaces for enabling the business application to use asset location data. Bunn does not disclose the use of browsers over the Internet for any purpose.

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Claim 59 recites connecting asset management apparatus of a business enterprise to a wireless gateway by browsers through the Internet. The Bunn reference does not disclose the use of browsers on the Internet.

Claim 66 recites establishing a wireless gateway with location aware business logic for enhancing communication using web served business applications run by the enterprise. Bunn does not disclose this feature, at least because he does not disclose use of web served business applications.

Claims 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87 recite the same features discussed above as for claim 1, and should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 88 recites a system for management of transportable assets including at least vehicles and non-vehicle portable units of a business enterprise. The Bunn reference does not disclose any system for managing non-vehicle portable unit assets of a business enterprise and should be patentable for at least this reason.

Claim 89 recites a system to enable said business applications to obtain data indicative of the location of transportable assets and to trigger at least one of the events of managing a work order of the enterprise user, scheduling a transportable asset at a work or job site, dispatching a transportable asset to a job site, and tracking inventory or goods. The Bunn reference doesn't disclose any system for triggering events for control and assignment of the vehicle for managing a work order of the operator of the vehicle client customer, scheduling and dispatching a work vehicle at a work or job site selected by the client customer, or inventory tracking of inventory or goods carried by the client customer, or for automating any of these functions based on location or other information.

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Claim 90 recites an arrangement which includes event sensors in remote mobile assets (such as vehicles) which communicate with wireless devices over a short range wireless network, and then the wireless devices communicate with the business enterprise over a wireless network. The Bunn reference does not disclose event sensors which communicate over a short range wireless network with wireless devices.

Claim 91 recites an arrangement whereby a vehicle mounted sensor device is connected to a hand held mobile device through a short range wireless network (such as rf), whereby vehicle operating parameters as condition data is transmitted to the handheld mobile device over the short range wireless network, and then the handheld mobile device transmits the data over the wireless gateway to a business enterprise user at the central location. Bunn does not disclose the use of a short range wireless device for receiving vehicle data over a short range wireless network.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the prior art rejections based on the Bunn reference, and allowance of the independent claims, as well as the claims dependent thereon.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invites the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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